OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

HAS RECORD CLIP.

Over 3,000,000 Pounds of Wool Ex- Citizens Propose to Make Good Use pected in Malheur County.

Ontario-The wool clip in Malheur county this year will be much larger years, as the fleece is in much better very large, but this year it will be funds. more than 3,000,000 pounds and it will than it was last year.

There has been very little bad ature. weather this year, which is the particthe winter with less loss than for sev- that the request will be granted. eral years previous.

Prices this spring range from 20 to 21 cents. Last year they were about 12 to 16% cents. Very little of the wool in this vicinity is going to the Vicinity of Ontario during the past Chicago warehouse. Most of it will be week. The prices ranged from \$125 to sent to Boston, as in former years. A \$200 an acre. Among the sales were number of wool growers throughout the 100 acres owned by A. M. Moody, vicinity joined the warehouse plan, but which sold for \$20,000; 75 acres owned the majority continued in the old way, by Judge J. T. Clement, \$15,200; 160 as the prices in this part of the country have always been good.

of the machines have been heard, the also sold 2,000 acres for \$20,000. complaint being that they shear too close for the best health of the sheep, but this does not seem to be credited by many of the growers.

The annual meeting of the Malheur that time all the wool growers of the two counties will be here.

Treasurer's Statement Shows Over Million Dollars in Strong Box.

Salem - The treasurer's statement just out shows that the amount of first mortgage loans outstanding is the greatest in the history of the state, having reached the sum total of \$4,-390,822.82. As a result the common school fund interest is growing rapidly and there will thereby be a large amount to apportion among the counties August 1.

The common school fund interest is now \$232,007.94.

The state tax paid into the state treasury during April was large, almost \$500,000 being received. On account of this healthy condition of the state's finances, the total amount on

Farmers' First Annual Picnic.

Weston-The annual meeting of the Umatilla county Pioneers' asociation will be held in this city May 28 and 29, when it is expected that practically every old settler will be on hand to recall the "good old days" when Eastern Oregon was the home of coyotes and the land was covered with sagebrush. The first pioneer society to be organized in Eastern Oregon was founded here, and annually the meetings have been held for over 20 years. Over 25 of the early settlers of the county have passed away during the past 24 months.

Sheep Moving to Feeding Grounds. Condon - Rae Bros, of Montana, shipped a big trainload of sheep from Condon last week, the train consisting of 23 cars, making in all about 5,300 head. These sheep were going to Forsythe. Mont., were Rae Bros, have large bands of sheep. Several large trains of sheep will be leaving different parts of Eastern Oregon for the above firm and they will have about 250,000 head of sheep feeding in Montana when these arrive.

Sells 23 Acres for \$2.133.

Weston-George Nesbitt, who has been employed three years on the farm of J. N. York, was surprised recently by the receipt of a "windfall" amounting to \$2,133. Several years ago Mr. Nesbitt acquired for a small sum 23 acres six miles from Boise. He had Boise real estate man, Dean Perkins, came to see him and offered him \$2,133 for the tract he closed the deal imme-

Dr. Steiner Returns.

Salem-Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the asylum, has returned from an extended trip East. He was accompanied as far as Chicago by H. E. Bickers, superintendent of the feeble minded institute. Bickers returned several weeks ago. Both made the trip for the purpose of making a study of the care of the insane of other states. Dr. Steiner visited Washington and Senator Chamberlain while coarse, 20 3c; mohair, choice, 24@25c.

Klamath Changes Date.

math Falls has been set for June 2 instead of June 7, so as not to conflict and stags, \$3@3.50; common, \$2@2.75. with the Rose festival in Portland. This is now authoritative. The event will be a great one in this section of the Inland empire, and will be made memorable by the gathering of the greatest crowd ever known in Klamath all grades; yearlings, best, \$4.50; fair visions of the deposit guarantee sec-

HIGH SCHOOL FOR WESTON.

of Normal School Building.

Weston-The district school board has given notice of a special meeting than it was a year ago, or for several May 31 to vote on the proposition of establishing a high school. This accondition, and there are also more tion is taken in view of the state norsheep in the county than for several mal board's refusal to permit the use years. The clip last year totaled about of the state's property at Weston for a 2,750,000 pounds and was considered normal school supported with private

The Eastern Oregon state normal be cleaner and much thicker per sheep school will therefore cease to be, with the commencement exercises May 23-One and one half million pounds have 25, after being conducted more than 20 already been sold here, for May and years as a state institution. The state June delivery, and buying continues at board will be petitioned for the use of a rapid rate, so rapid in fact that there the state's plant for public and high will be very little public selling this school purposes, the district agreeing year, as the sales days for Ontario have to take care of the property for which been set so late. They are June 7 and no provision was made by the legisl-

In view of the fact that the comular reason for the fine condition of the fleeces. The sheep have come through the buildings to the state, it is thought

Ontario Lands Bring \$80.000. Ontario-Eighty thousand dollars' worth of property changed hands in the week. The prices ranged from \$125 to acres owned by Dave Dunbar, \$20,000. This land was purchased by Portland Much of the shearing this year will parties, and the entire acreage will be be done by machine. Some complaint planted to fruit trees. A. A. Brown

Work on Fair Buildings Begun.

Eugene-The work of building the grandstand and pavilion for the Lane county fair, which will be held in Sepand Harney Wool Growers' association tember, is under way. The fair will meet in Ontario on June 22. At grounds will be a busy place during the summer, as little building has yet been done. The track, which is being used for training, is in good condition. STATE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION The capacity of the grandstand will be 1,000. The pavilion will be large, well arranged and modern.

Five Miles of Ditch Dug.

Grants Pass-The farmers and ranchers of this community are jubilant over the advancement made on the irrigating ditches. The gravity ditch on the north side of town has been completed almost to the city limits, while on the north side of Rogue river the high land ditch to Fruitdale has been completed to the opening of the valley. Altogether five miles of waterways are ready for use. Water will be turned into the ditches within 30 days.

Benton Growers Meet.

Corvallis-A grand rally of fruit growers and farmers was held here last week under the auspices of the Corvalhand is the largest that has ever been lis Commercial club for the purpose of held at any time by the state for a organizing a Benton County Fruitgrow- best dressed police body ever seen in stage of the proceedings. Invalids often great many years, the sum being \$1,organizing a Benton County Fruitgrowbest dressed
ers' association and discussing plans this country. for a co-operative scheme similar to that in existence at Hood River.

Mist's Mills in Operation.

Mist-The Holmes & Lindgren shingle mill resumed operations the first of months. This is the last of the three shingle mills here to start. All are

now running. PORTLAND MARKETS. Wheat-Bluestem milling, \$1.30@

valley, \$1.17; forty-fold, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.17@1.20; Corn-Whole, \$35 per ton; cracked,

1.35; club, \$1.20; Turkey red, \$1.26;

Barley-Feed, \$34@35 per ton. Oats-No. 1 white, \$40 per ton. Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14@18 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18 @20; clover, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$13@ 14; grain hay, \$13@14; cheat, \$14@ 14.50: vetch. \$14@14.50.

Fruits-Apples, 65c@\$2.50 per box; strawberries, Oregon, 1216c per pound.

Potatoes-\$20 per hundred.

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1.50; beets, \$1.75; horseradish, 10c per pound; asparagus, Oregon, 75c per dozen; lettuce, head, 20@50c per dozen; onions, 1236@15c per dozen; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; rhubarb, 21/@31/sc per pound.

Butter-City creamery, extras, 26c; fancy outside creamery, 2234@24c; since regarded it of no value. When a store, 18c. Butter fat prices average 1 36 cent per pound under regular butter prices.

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 24@25c. Poultry-Hens, 141 @15c; broilers, 28@30c; fryers, 22@25c; roosters, 10c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$2.50@3 per dozen.

Veal-Extras, 9 1/4c; ordinary, 8 1/4@ 9c; heavy, 7@8c.

Pork-Fancy, 10c per pound. Hops-1909 contract, 9c; 1908 crop,

8@814e; 1907 erop, 3@4c; 1906 erop, 1 %c. Wool - Eastern Oregon, 16@21c:

valley, fine, 22 1/4c; medium, 21 1/4c; Cattle - Steers, top, \$5.50@5.75: fair to good, \$5@5.25; common to medium, \$4.50@4.75; cows, top, \$4.25@ Klamath Falls-The celebration of 4.50; fair to good, \$3.75@4.25; comthe completion of the railroad to Kla- mon to medium, \$2.50@3.50; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls

Hogs-Best, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good, \$7.25@7.50; stockers, \$6@6.50;

China fats, \$6.75@7. to good, \$4@4.25; spring lambs, \$5. tions.

HOMES NOW RUINS.

Much Suffering and Death in Wake of Kansas Tornado.

Kansas City, May 17 .- A recapituation of the storm, general Northwestern Missouri and Eastern and Central Kansas, and extending into Oklahoma, and which in places reached the proportion of a tornado, shows three known dead and 55 injured, at least half a dozen of the latter seriously hurt.

The principal damage was done at Hollis, a town of 150 inhabitants, near Concordia, Kansas, and at Mount Washington, Mo., a suburb eight miles east of Kansas City. In both of these places practically every house was either damaged or demolished, and fozens of persons injured.

Mount Washington, Mo., 22, three perhans fatally.

Near Great Bend, Kansas, 20, mostly members of a crew on a Santa Fe work stages of his career, like other men's, train, which was blown from the track. It waxes fat and thrives wonderfully un-Four of these are in a serious condition.

Hollis, Kansas, three. Rosedale View, Kansas, a suburb of Kansas City, two. In the vicinity of Hoisington, Kansas, four.

Pond Creek, Oklahoma, four. The storm followded a terrific downpour of rain. The wind came up suddenly, swooped down with but little warning, and striking the small terricompletely. Frame houses were crushed, the sides apparently being forced and plate! It was foolish-ay, very foolinward, while others were toppled over and carried from their foundations. In some cases sides of buildings were carried away, leaving the roof and a few small articles to mark the site.

THE A.-Y.-P. FAIR.

Some Brief Notes of Intesest on the Exposition Which Opens June 1.

The Oregon building was the first of the state buildings to be finished. California made a good second. Mt. Rainier, the highest mountain in the United States, towers 15,000

feet above the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. Five million dollars' worth of gold dust, just as it came from Alaskan

Live specimens of all game and game birds found from Point Barrow to Tia Juana, will be seen in the immense game paddock.

placers, will be part of the Alaska ex-

The provines of Alberta and Saskatchhibits of their mineral and agricultural resources.

The University of Idaho cadet band of 40 pieces will play at the fair this summer. The Idaho legislature passed an appropriation allowing the battalion to go into encampment at the exposition immediately after the end of the

university year.
The Michigan building will be the only state structure financed locally. The money to defray the expense of building and entertainment was raised by subscription in Seattle.

Guards on the grounds of the exposi-

TRAIN HELD UP.

Robbers Hake Good Haul on Great Northert Road.

Mead and Colbert shortly before midby the robbers three miles east of Hill- make a move." yard, Pwhere the mails were rifled. The engine was then reversed and sent thought his father was getting a little back down the track, where it crashed slow at turf tactics-a pursuit from which into the standing train.

When the collision occurred a number of the passengers, it is reported, were injured. A hurry call was sent to Hillyard for doctors, who were rushed to the scene in a special train carrying the officers.

The train was left standing several miles from a telegraph station, where one of the trainmen was sent to notify the Spokane office of the hold-up.

According to the report at Hillyard,

More Time is Given.

of several conferences, the Interstate Commerce commission today announced of the Hill and Harriman lines it was for the impending crash. decided today further to postpone the operation of the order until July 1. Earthquake in Montana.

Glendive, Mont., May 17 .- At 9:16 crs of this story must determine. a very perceptible seismic disturbance. A number of men gathered in the Masonic temple rushed from the building, believing it was about to fall. In many places dishes rattled in the pantries. The first shock lasted probably two or three seconds, with unusually rapid vi reported to have been very severe.

Bank Guarantee in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., May 17.-A general movement among state banks to take advantage of the new state guarantee law, signed last week, has begun. Sheep-Top wethers, \$4@4.50; fair During the two days since the law was



Race for a Wife

HAWLEY SMART

CHAPTER VI. The solicitor drove away, fuming with indignation. "Pompous, poverty-stricken!" were the epithets he applied to the squire, in these first moments of his wrath. Even a usurious solicitor is possessed of pride of some kind, and though he may hold it in tolerable subjection during the early der the accumulation of wealth. Harold Denison had trampled it remorselessly under foot. Then the irritation subsided, and the astute old head once more began to reckon up the chances of the game. He played it all over again in his own mind. 'No," he muttered; "don't think I made any mistakes! I was a fool to lose my temper, though. Hadn't I made up my mind, all along, that he'd take it pretty much in that way, to start with? tory described, wiped it out almost I think how many of 'em I've seen run in short, had done much to compensate rusty about their family names, places. ish-to be annoyed at Denison's tantrums. Names?-bah!" continued the old man, contemptuously. "If it came all the way from the Conqueror, its worth on stamp-

ed paper is the only valid test." Sam Pearman, when he heard the re-sult of his father's mission, took rather a different view of it from his progenitor As a younger man he lacked the patience: and then, moreover, was there not the blow to his self-esteem? Between twenty and thirty we feel that acutely; from thirty to forty, with a sort of modified soreness; at fifty the conceit has been taken out of most of us, and we are no longer astonished at finding that the world rates us a little lower than our own valuation. Electroplate may pass for gold for a short season, in these days, but society is pretty certain to detect the ring of false metal ere very long.

Samuel the junior had so far been a fortunate man in pursuit of his ambi-Though not so successful as he tions. could have wished, yet, to a certain ex-tent, he had worked his way into the county society. There were many houses that he was occasionally asked to, as an odd bachelor to make up. Despite all his ewan, Canada, will make splendid ex- father had said at the time, a man with Sam Pearman's eye to the main chance could not conceive a man in Harold Denison's position rejecting a proposal so very much to his own advantage. might recognize a certain amount of difficulty on the part of the lady, but men of his age are not wont to be diffident about their own powers of attraction on these occasions, and Sam Pearman was one of the last to entertain apprehensions on that score.

"He don't know what's good for him, and that's about the size of it!" was that gentleman's remark, as his sire retailed the account of his interview with Denison. "We shall have to exercise a little tion will wear pearl gray uniforms and gentle pressure. I'm not going to be it is planned to make the force the choked off my game, at all events at this require coercion to make them take the tonics necessary for their existence, and it will be for you to make Denison understand that he will cease to be Denison of Glinn, at all events, unless he is prepared

to welcome me as a son-in-law." "Leave it to me, Sam, and don't be Wash., May 17.—Great in a hurry. I made up my mind about it the other night. I don't say all, my boy. Northern passenger train No. 3 was but a good many things I have made up held up by two masked robbers between my mind to have come to pass in course of time. Leave me alone to work the oracle night Saturday night. The mailcar just now, and, depend upon it, I'll give and the engine were detached and taken you due notice when it's time for you to

The son acquiesced. If at times he he had in great measure withdrawn-he still held a firm belief that his parent was difficult to beat in the great game of life, more especially when he held a winning card or two in his hand. Some two or three weeks elapsed; and

then, one spring morning, Harold Denison received a letter to the effect that Mr. Pearman of Mannersley felt it incumbent on himself to call in his money lent on mortgage, a more favorable opportunity for investment having offered.

That this would probably be the result the robbers have obtained booty amount- of their last interview, the squire had ing to more than \$20,000 from the foreseen. Yet, as days went by without any such notince, he began fondly to hope that the attorney had seen the presumption he had been guilty of, and that things Washington, May 17.—As a result way. How ephemeral that way had now become, under almost any circumstances, he still kept locked within his own a postponement from June 1 to July 1 breast. But as he read that letter the of the time for taking effect of its de- squire knew well that the rublcon was cision in the Spokane rate cases. The passed, that his ships were burnt, and commission recently had postponed until June 1 the time when the new rates to raise that ten thousand anywhere else ordered by it should go into effect, but would result in an exposure of his afas a result of conferences within the fairs tantamount to ruin. He was quite last few days with the representatives aware that Pearman was equally conversant with the fact. He prepared himself

But there is a certain amount of notice requisite on the calling in of a mortgage, and this gave Harold Denison time reflect-whether for good or evil the resdo'clock Saturday evening Glendive felt the blow fallen at once, he would have abandoned Glinn, grimly, and set up his lonely tent in some remote watering place. But the crafty solicitor had measured the strength of his prey with great accuracy. It was not without design that the notice of the foreclosure of the mortgage had been delayed. "Give it time give it time," quoth that fisher of feeble humanbrations. The shock was felt at For-ity. He was right; and day after day syth and Dickinson, N. D., where it is did Harold Denison ponder over the old fisherman's terms; at first contemptuously, then moodily, until at last he began to think that it was his duty to retain Glinn at all hazards. Once arrived thus became easy and rapid. "The lands I received from my ancestors it is my duty to transmit to my descendants." A fine country gentleman's sentiment, that would

Now, of course, it was all plain sailing, morally. As a personal matter, the mean-est lodgings at Hastings or St. Leonards would have sufficed. It were better so than to see a Denison of Glinn so vilely mated. But there were other ties to be considered. He, Harold Denison, had undoubtedly betrayed the trust of a long line of ancestors.

Then he began to think once more of his daughter. He felt compunction at the idea of yielding his handsome Maude to this low-born suitor. But then Maude had never been to him what an only child is to most fathers. He had never quite forgiven the fact of her not being a son, and she had ever been more her mother's pet than his. Again, this candidate for her hand had been brought up a gentleman, had the mark of the university stamped on his based composition, and, for the deficiency of birth with which he had entered the world. He had seen young Pearman upon two or three occasions only. That gentleman, though the blood of his father ran strong in his veins, had quite sufficient tact to avoid showing it. He dressed quietly, and abstained from self-assertion when mixing with the class in which he was so anx ious to establish himself. He was, naturally, too careful of his money to fall into the error of most parvenues, that of ostentatious display. The little he knew of him had not jarred on Harold Denison. As to Maude, her affections must be wholly unfettered. If she could be brought to think of this man as a husband, it would really be a good thing for her in the end. And by such reasoning the squire gradually worked himself round to the conviction that it was, at all events, his duty to submit Pearman's proposal to Maude, and, further, to press it strongly on her attention.

But before Harold Denison had arrived at this conclusion, there had been much grief at Glinn. He had told his wife of the contemplated foreclosing of the mortgage, and explained to her that it meant ruin-that is, ruin inevitable, as far as their still continuing the possessors of Glinn went.

"Yes, Nellie, It's all over," said the "I'm beaten at last. Dear old Glinn must go through the hands of the auctioneer, and become the property of whatever greasy trader happens to have most money at his disposal just now. It's hard lines for you to have to leave the place wherein I installed you as mistress so many years ago."

"Don't think of me," replied Mrs. Denison, tearfully. "I shall be always happy as long as I have you and Maude with me. It will be sad to leave all my old cottagers and almoners to the tender mercies of others; but oh! it will fall heaviest on you, Harold, to give up what has been the home of your people for so many generations!"

"I don't deny it. It will be a dread-ful wrench to think of Glinn passing to strangers; but I suppose it must be so. The follies of our youth, Nell, smite us sharply as we grow old. We shall have to end our days in some cheap continental town."

CHAPTER VII.

Very sad was Maude when she heard the evil tidings, and that she had but a short time left to look upon the grand old chestnuts, the groves of laurel, and the soft, pleasant, turfy vistas amid which she had been born. Bitterly she thought how the loss of all the accustomed surroundings would be felt by the gentle mother she adored; and well she divined what would be her father's sensations when, having left the home of his ancestors, he should find himself exposed to the monotonous existence of some watering place or dull continental town! How he would brood over the extinction of the Denisons of Glinn none realized more fully than Maude. She knew her father thoroughly; she was a clever girl, and fully recognized his foibles and weaknesses. She comprehended the shock it would be to his family pride-what the loss of country pursuits would be to him; what it would be to find himself a mere Mr. Denison on straitened means in some quiet place where gossip was rife, and your social status was pretty nearly gauged by the bills incurred at the butcher's and the wine merchant's. And then, the girl thought, sorrowfully, how little she could do to alleviate all this. To her mother-ah! yes, she could do much to lighten her troubles, and be a comfort to her; but for her father, nothing-and the tears trickled through Maude's long iashes as she thought how little she could be to him.

Such, so far, were the results of the machinations of that experienced "fisher of men," Mr. Pearman, on the unfortunate family at Glinn.

I have told the ingenious process of reasoning by which Harold Denison had, at last, not only soothed his conscience, but arrived at the conclusion that, like the grim old Grecian, his duty required him to sacrifice his daughter. I often think that old story a grand allegory. Agamemnon sacrifices Iphigenia, even yet, pretty constantly at St. George's Hanover Square. We substitute the ring for the knife, and the wedding breakfast for the smoking sacrifice; and we wreath ourselves with flowers and silken raiment as we offer up our maidens at the shrine of Plutus. Who shall say that, after all, that was not the meaning of the fable?

But Harold Denison was conscious of an inward feeling that the newly formed idea was an extremely awkward subject to broach either to his wife or daughter. That he had never even alluded to Pearfar, the speciousness of the reasoning man's proposal I need scarcely observe, and that it looked still less pleasant to touch upon now he had made up his mind to be an active supporter thereof, must be equally obvious. Still the clouds were have invariably insured a round of ap- gathering so thick over the house of Glinn plause at the farmer's ordinary in any that no time was to be lost; and at last market town of respectable dimensions. the squire nerved himself to the task.

and sought his wife's boudoir, having pre-viously ascertained that his daughter was out of the house.

"I want to talk something over with you, Nellie," he observed, as he entered "I don't think that it will be quite pleasant to hear, but, at all events, it can't distress you, as you will have the power of deciding as you like about it."

Mrs. Denison raised her face anxiously

to her husband's. Decision, on any point, was painful to her, and she was too well aware, from former experience, that this was but the prelude to some scheme in which her concurrence had already been practically marked out by her lord and master. Harold Denison's consultations at such times, generally comprised a mere synopsis of his intentions, revealing some minor unpleasantness which he looked to her to carry out. Poor Mrs. Denison might well be diffident about such confdences; as a rule, they had borne bot bitter fruit.

"What should you say," continued the squire, "if I tell you that it is possible to save Glinn to us yet?"

"Oh, Harold, can it be so?" cried Mrs. Denison with clasped hands and beating "No, you don't look like it; I see heart. in your face there is more to follow. It is some bare chance, and your sanguing nature has led you astray concerning it."

"Nellie, don't be foolish. There is a way of arranging all these miserable money matters that has been submitted to me, and which, should we consent to, there is no doubt will prove perfectly satisfactory. I have turned it all well over in my mind, and though I have, as yet, come to no determination concerning it, yet I don't deem it altogether imprae ticable. Will you hear me patiently?"
"Yes, Harold," was the meek response

"Well, what I want to talk to you about is this. Of course you must be aware that Maude is not only grown up and handsome, but has arrived at an age when wooers may be expected."

"What do you mean?' 'asked the mother, her pale face flushing, and a halfanxious, half-frightened expression visible in her blue eyes.

"We will come to that presently. You know her admirers at the Xminster ball were numerous. A man of good property in this county solicits permission to pay his addresses to Maude. He can give her a good home and everything she can want now, while at the death of his father he will be the possessor of large landed estates in the county, besides considerable sums invested elsewhere."

The poor mother's heart beat quick. To whom was she to be asked to yield her darling? Who in all the county side was worthy of her peerless Maude? knew of none; yet she spoke not, but gazed eagerly into her husband's face, and waited with high-strung nerves till he should speak again.

"Maude can have no attachment yet?" inquired the squire, at length.
"No, I think not. How could sha,
Harold? The poor child has, as yet, seen so little of the world, and Maude is not one to give her heart away light-

"Maidens' hearts are stolen, sometimes, a good while before they are themselves aware of it," returned Denison, sententiously. "It is essential for my project that Maude should be fancy free." "She is." returned the mother, and iously; "but tell me, who is this you

think good enough for her? There is no one I know," she continued, sadly, "fit to claim my darling's hand." "It's no use fencing any more," replied the squire. "Young Pearman was

much struck with Maude at the Xminster ball, and solicits permission to win her, if he can." "Pearman! What-the son of the law-

yer!" cried Mrs. Denison. "You're jok-ing, Harold, surely! You would never consent to such a match for a daughter of yours." "Listen, Nellie," replied the squire, sad-

"Pearman has a heavy mortgage the property; he has bought the best part of what has been sold, and Maude's marriage with his son would once mo consolidate Glinn. Don't interrupt me!" he exclaimed, in answer to a despairing gesture of his wife's. "I don't say if things stood with us as they did in the old times I'd listen to such a proposal as this; but, Nellie, If Maude could make up her mind to it, Glinn would remain ours, and that would lighten the remainder of my time in this world, and yours, too, wife mine."

"Not unless Maude were happy," murmured the poor mother.

I can fancy the contempt with which Belgravian matron might regard Mrs. Denison's last remark. A penniless girl offered wealth, country house, etc., and her mother maundering about her happiness. Oh, it is too absurd!

(To be continued.)

Not Fair. "Look here, Abraham," said the judge, "it's been proved right here in court that instead of doing something to help support your wife and children you spend your whole time hunting

The old negro hung his head. "Now, Abe, you love your don't you?"

"Ah suttinly does!" "And your children?" "Yas, suh!"

"And you love them both better-"Better ev'ry day, jedge!" Abe broke in. "-better than a thousand 'pos

sum?" "Look hyah, jedge," exclaimed Abs with widening eyes, "dat's takin' s

coon at a pow'ful disadvantage!"-The Bohemian Magazine. Wasn't Taking Chances.

Sam Sleek-It's dead easy to make money when you know how. Tom Toots-Do you know how? Sam Sleek-Sure. Tom Toots-Why don't you make

Sam Sleek-I'm afraid I might get caught while trying to pass it.

A Fresh Child. "Young man," said Mr. Bluffkins, when I was your age I always stood at the head of my class."

"Well," answered the fearfully prococlous boy, "maybe teachers were eas er to fool then than they are now." -Washington Star.